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TAGS: EINV, ECRE, BBAK, BEXP, SA
SUBJECT: RALPH A. PARSONS CO. BOWS OUT OF YENBO
SUPERVISORY ENGINEERING ROLE

1. A SPATE OF RUMORS DURING PAST WEEK WHICH REPORTED THAT PARSONS WAS QUITTING THE YENBO PROJECT WAS CONFIRMED TODAY BY THE EMBASSY WITH THE OPERATING MANAGER OF THE U.S. FIRM, KNISELY DREHER.

2. IT APPEARS THAT SAUDI REGULATIONS, SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE U.S., PREVENTS A SUPERVISORY ENGINEERING FIRM TO HOLD SUCH A ROLE WHEN IT INVOLVES SUPERVISION OVER A PROJECT IN WHICH IT WILL OR HOPES TO BE THE PRIME ENGINEERING FIRM. IN THIS CASE PARSONS IS MORE DESIROUS OF GETTING THE FATTER CONTRACT FOR THE MOBIL REFINERY TO BE BUILT AT YENBO THAN HAVING THE OVERALL PROJECT.

3. DURING A MEETING WITH THE ROYAL COMMISSION DIRECTOR FOR YENBO AT JIDDA TODAY DR. SAMI MOSELY, AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WHICH WILL ALLOW PARSONS TO PHASE OUT OF THE YENBO PROJECT BUT WILL CALL FOR AN OVERLAP FOR THE FIRM, AS YET UNKNOWN, WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE ON THE PROJECT.

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4. THIS IS A GAMBLE FOR PARSONS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BID ON THE MOBIL REFINERY PROJECT, 70 PERCENT TO BE OWNED BY PETROMIN. OTHER U.S. FIRMS KNOWN TO BE AFTER THE REFINERY PROJECT ARE BECHTEL, BROWN AND ROOT, AND DANIEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. THERE ARE SAID TO BE OTHERS, NONE OF WHICH IS KNOWN TO US AT

PRESENT. IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT IF PARSONS IS
PREPARED TO RELEASE THIS BIRD IN THE HAND IT HAS THE
INSIDE TRACK ON THE REFINERY, BUT ALL INDICATIONS ARE
THAT THE COMPETITION WILL BE FIERCE.
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